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KOVACS, Istvan

At present secretary of the Central leadership (committee?), first secretary of the Budapest Party Committee, member of the Political Committee, and of the Central Committee.

KOVACS participated in the illegal work. The HORTHY court ^{sentenced} convicted him to 15 years prison. (According to my knowledge) he was in prison for 7-10 years. This fact was not publicized so much as others because KOVACS was no Moscovite. He stayed in Hungary until the end of the war and was pushed back in the publicity campaign. He was arrested as an upholsterers helper, working at that time in this trade.

After 1945 he came to the fore and once he was first secretary of Great Budapest and member of the political Committee but was bypassed for some unknown reason and sent to Great Miskolc as first secretary. In connection with this it has to be noted that Miskolc is a very important factor in the economic life of the country being the center of the concentrated heavy industry. From here he was brought up to Budapest again.

From day to day KOVACS has more and more important position. At present with ^{Bela} ~~the~~ SZALAY and ~~EGRY~~ Gyula they are the immediate successors of RAKOSI and his deputy. (I do not have concrete data,) but I do know that together and against SZALAY and EGRI they struggle hard for better positions.

(I used to know KOVACS personally.) He is impenetrable. In one moment he laughs loudly and in the next becomes like an icicle. In general he is known as an unscrupulous and cruel man.

He is about 172-175 cm. tall, inclined to be fat and gives the impression of a fat man, weighs about 90-100 kilos, has large head, black straight hair combed back in ~~Pompadour~~ Pompadour. Does not wear glasses, his face is swollen (puffed) has black mustache.

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I know little about his private circumstances. I do state only that he wanted to acquire as his mistress FERRARI Violetta one of the most fashionable actresses of the day but found the doors closed. I have heard -but this I do not state- that he is bound with tender threads to an young actress STUNGZ Edith. upcoming ~~young actress STUNGZ Edith.~~ Years ago KOVACS used to like light music.